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IRISES

1928

J. C. NICHOLLS
114 OVERLOOK ROAD
ITHACA, N. Y.

IMPORTANT

For years we have grown Irises and Peonies as an extensive hobby. In 1926 and 1927 we sold surplus stocks of both. At that time our other exacting occupation prevented our handling shipments and correspondence as promptly as desired. In September, 1927, we dropped everything else, and the growing of plants will be our sole business. Our 1928 service will be good and we are now concentrating on plans to make it as nearly perfect as possible in 1929.

PRICES

In the majority of cases our prices have been set below the market values. Frankly this is to introduce ourselves to new patrons in this, our first commercial year.

PEONIES

Will also be listed in 1929.

Irises

A select list of the finest old and new varieties, and the best of the rare novelties, with our first Introductions,
"WHITE and GOLD" "WHITE STAR"

The Rainbow's Rival

All things considered, the Iris is the finest garden flower there is. It gives us the greatest return on our investment of cash and care of any plant that grows. It thrives and blooms under neglect and adverse conditions. It embraces all the colors, gives an enormous volume of bloom, and is the best of all mediums for the painter of landscape pictures. It may be planted in the garden, along walks or drives, or to hold an embankment, and will flourish anywhere except in shade or marshy ground.

The Bonnewitz Wholesale Gardens of Van Wert, Ohio, have very generously permitted us to use their electrotypes for the color plates in this catalog.

We are members of the American Iris Society, American Peony Society, and the Commercial Peony and Iris Growers' Association.

PRIDE COMETH WITH JUNE—to the Iris and Peony Collector. You will get more pleasure from your flowers if you are a member of the Societies. Annual dues for each \$3.00. For the American Iris Society write: Mr. J. B. Wallace, Secretary, 129 Church St., New Haven, Conn. For the American Peony Society write: Mr. W. F. Christman, Secretary, Robbinsdale, Minn.

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Conditions of Sale

STOCK IS TRUE TO NAME

Every item is known to be true to name, and plotted block planting prevents error.

HEALTH

The stock is free from disease. Our own constant inspection, and that of an experienced investigator of Iris Pests has failed to disclose a single Iris Borer in our garden for more than a year.

SIZE OF PLANTS

Well grown single rhizomes.

SUBSTITUTIONS

None unless requested.

ORDER EARLY

An early order may avoid disappointment as the stock of some varieties is limited, and orders are filled in order of receipt. All orders are accepted contingent upon condition and availability of stock at shipping time. Prompt cash refund for anything we cannot supply.

TIME OF SHIPPING

Begin July 20 and continue as rapidly as possible.

TRANSPORTATION

All orders prepaid.

TERMS

Cash with order. No order under \$2.00 accepted unless accompanied by 25c to cover postage and packing. Discounts: 5% on \$10.00 order. 10% on \$50.00 order. These discounts **do not apply** to the **Collections** which are net except for early order discount.

EARLY ORDER DISCOUNT

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IRIS SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP OFFER

The first ten persons giving orders for \$15.00 or more, who are not members of the American Iris Society but wish to be, will have their first year's dues paid by us. Inform us of your wish to join and we will at once send in your nomination accompanied by our check for \$3.00, the annual dues. The Iris Society needs new members to help carry on the important work it is doing. We expect the four annual Iris Bulletins, and other benefits, to retain a member after a year's experience.

REFERENCES

Tompkins County National Bank, Ithaca Savings Bank, etc., of Ithaca, N. Y.

Iris

LIST OF VARIETIES

The American Iris Society's ratings for quality are expressed by the figures before the names. "S" denotes standards or upper petals, "F" falls or lower petals. Heights in inches are given by the figures following the parentheses. No prices are entered where the stocks are too small to permit sales.

SEE COLLECTIONS FOLLOWING LIST

- 83 AFTERGLOW** (Sturtevant 1917) 38 inches **\$0.50**

Misty lavender blend, lit with yellow at the center. Good size and texture, and grows and blooms well. Deservedly popular, as the blooms are beautiful individually, and give an attractive soft effect in mass.

- ALABASTER** (Andrews 1926) **5.00**

Pure white flower, medium to large, of exceptionally fine form. Falls flare, beard nearly white shading to yellow within. Styles white. Good texture and no veining. Received first prize for white at Cleveland Show, 1927. Description based on that of the Introducer.

- 89 ALCAZAR** (Vilmorin 1910) 42 inches **.25**

S. lavender violet, F. deep reddish purple. Large, tall, strong grower, splendidly branched. A fine and stately Iris, not superseded in 18 years, still near the top, and should be in every good collection.

- ALIQUIPPA** (Hall 1924) 34 inches

Pale Massicot yellow with luminous center of deeper coloring. Good habit, vigorous, free blooming. The largest yellow so far. Its high quality has just been attested by the award of the Iris Society's Silver Medal at the recent Director's Meeting.

- ALLIES** (Vilmorin 1925)

S. deep reddish violet, tinged copper. F. deep purplish red, with red-bronze markings on haft. A brilliant Iris, blooming also in Autumn under favorable conditions.

- 78 AMAS** (Foster 1885, collected) 30 inches **(3 for 50c) .25**

S. blue, F. violet purple. A well branched, early Species from Asia Minor, having very large flowers. Standards are apt to flop in very hot sun.

- 94 AMBASSADEUR** (Vilmorin 1920) 45 inches 1.00
S. smoky lavender, shot with bronze. F. very velvety deep brilliant red violet. Illuminated by yellow at center of bloom. Rich orange beard. Exceptional texture. Wonderful blooms on tall, strong stems. Probably the leading Iris in the world today, but it has grown and increased so rapidly that its price is in reach of all. See color plate.
- AMBER** (Dykes 1924)
S. and F. yellow, with bronze markings at the base of the falls. Fine shape, finish, and texture. Will bloom it out against most of the other new yellows in June, and can better appraise it at that time.
- 84 ANNA FARR** (Farr 1913) 36 inches .75
A large clear white Plicata, of distinct form, and good substance. The standards and falls are delicately margined pale blue. A very beautiful Iris, with an individual style, but it increases very slowly.
- APHRODITE** (Dykes 1922) 48 inches 6.00
Both standards and falls have the same tone, clear bright violet pink self. The falls have a white flush from the center of the blade to the haft. No veining of any kind. Grows vigorously and blooms freely. The blooms are large, of splendid texture, and have a perfection of form and finish hard to equal. Gracefully borne on 4-foot stalks. Its present great popularity will continue.
- ARGENTINA** (Mohr 1924)
A large, tall, white Caterina seedling, with gold veined haft. The pollen parent, not known, was probably Kashmir White, a Ricardi. It has grown well in Massachusetts however.
- ARGYNNIS** (Williamson 1925) 40 inches 1.00
S. strontian yellow, F. dark violet carmine, without reticulation. Beard yellow. A distinct Variegata, and tall for that coloring. Has just received the American Iris Society Award of Merit, confirming its high quality.
- 92 ASIA** (Yeld 1920) 50 inches 3.00
S. pale silvery lavender, shading to yellow at base. F. very pale violet purple, growing lighter to the edges. Bright golden beard. The flowers are very large, and are gracefully borne on perfectly branched stalks over four feet high. For elegance, sheer beauty, and majesty of bearing, this great Iris has no peer.

- 74 AUREA** (Jacques 1838) 30 inches (3 for 50c) .25
S. and F. rich chrome yellow. Still deservedly popular after 90 years.
- 94 BALLERINE** (Vilmorin 1920) 48 inches 1.00
S. light blue violet, broad and waved at the margins. F. a little darker and very wide. Good texture and does not flop in hot sun. In our garden it has consistently given the largest Iris blooms we have ever seen. It has a delightful style, all its own. Splendid grower and free bloomer. An Iris of wonderful beauty, rating 94, which is exceeded by that of Princess Beatrice only.
- 77 BLACK PRINCE** (Perry 1900) 24 inches 1.00
S. blue purple. F. deep rich velvety black purple, with brilliant orange beard. Blooms small, but the only other Iris with the wonderful coloring of Dominion. The stock is always scarce on account of its weak growth and slow increase.
- 67 BLUE BOY** (Foster 1913) 26 inches (3 for 50c) .25
Intermediate. Large deep violet blue, with violet beard. Very early, and has better texture than is usual with the Intermediates. Vigorous and free blooming.
- BRUNO** (Bliss 1922) 36 inches
S. bronze tinted with lavender, shading to yellow at the base. F. deep rich red purple with the velvety quality of Dominion. A large flower of heavy substance. Is rivaling Cardinal for popularity among the Dominion seedlings.
- 79 CAMELOT** (Bliss 1918) 45 inches .50
S. and F. creamy white edged with pale violet. One of the tallest Plicatas. Grows and blooms well. An attractive flower of good size.
- CANOPUS** (Bliss 1921) 36 inches 1.75
S. lavender. F. rich velvety pansy violet. Beard yellow. Low and widely branched. The bloom gives an effect somewhat similar to Lent A. Williamson. A very hardy vigorous grower, and free bloomer. A Dominion seedling which increases very rapidly.
- CARDINAL** (Bliss 1919) 38 inches 15.00
S. lavender overlaid rose, broad and beautifully arched. F. large circular, rich prune purple, very velvety. Wonderful texture, and splendidly branched. Grows well and is

extremely floriferous. Many consider this Dominion seedling the best Iris in the world. It is certainly one of the most sought as the supply cannot catch up with the demand, in spite of the price remaining around \$20.00.

- 89 **CATERINA** (Foster 1909) 48 inches (3 for \$1.25) .50

A beautiful shade of soft lavender blue, the falls a little deeper than the standards. There are often 15 or more of the large flowers of good texture and shape on one of the beautifully branched four-foot stalks. The combination of stalk and blooms has been cited as a model to breed to.

- 75 **CHALICE** (Sturtevant 1924) 35 inches (3 for \$2.25) 1.00

Clear soft yellow of even tone, a true self even to the markings on the haft. Is a little taller than Gold Imperial, and almost identical in color, but its lighter beard gives it a softer tone. Being a top bloomer, it masses well. The soft yellow harmonizes splendidly with any other color, but gives a particularly beautiful effect with light blues or lavenders. Its rampant increase has given us a large stock permitting the low price.

CHARTIER (Hall 1925) 32 inches

A large white with smooth wide segments. Reminiscent of White Knight, but larger, taller, and generally better. The best hardy white yet generally known, as attested by its receiving a Silver Medal from the American Iris Society at a recent meeting of the Directors.

- CONCHOBAR** (Bliss) 37 inches 12.50

S. light purple, F. deep reddish purple, velvety. One of the better Dominion seedlings. The large blooms have good shape and splendid texture. Is an excellent Iris of vigorous growth and good habit.

COPPERSMITH (Shull 1926) 45 inches

S. purple drab. F. Indian lake, passing to dahlia carmine, with mahogany red reticulations at the haft. Large bright flowers of excellent texture. Of Ambassadeur type but taller. It is a little like Allies, but is much taller, larger, has more flaring falls, and its coloring is not so intense. Honorable Mention, American Iris Society, 1926.

- 89 **CRIMSON KING** 30 inches (3 for 50c) .25

Bright deep red purple self. Of as deep a color as Kochii but has a redder tone. Is also larger, taller, and more open in growth. An excellent Iris at a low price due to its plentiful stock.

87 CRUSADER (Foster 1913) 45 inches **.50**

Fine lavender blue, the falls deeper than the standards. Has good texture and blooms well. The large handsome flowers on tall stems give an attractive blue tone in the garden. Increases slowly.

CYMBELINE (Dykes 1924)

Light blue gray, tall, and early. Pallida and Alberti cross.

94 DOMINION (Bliss 1917) 30 inches **7.00**

S. large and erect, of light bluish violet. F. deep rich indigo purple velvet, nearly horizontal, the haft very wide. Enriched by a brilliant orange beard. Of exceptional substance. This epoch-making Iris is more richly colored than any of its descendants, or any other Iris. The first roots imported, weakened by the trip, gave the erroneous impression that it is a weak grower lacking hardiness. After recovering its vigor in this country it has grown well and proven to be perfectly hardy, but it increases slowly. For five years it has thriven in our garden under the same treatment as the others, without the loss of a root, and has given perfect bloom the last four years. The most famous Iris in the world, and, in the opinion of many, the most beautiful.

DOROTHEA K. WILLIAMSON (Williamson 1918) 30 inches **.50**

A beardless Hybrid of Fulva and Foliosa, both native Species of Southern U. S. Large velvety flowers of the most vivid purple. The color, shape of bloom, and stem arrangement are very artistic, and it makes a good cut flower. Prefers a moist location and can be planted along a stream, but has grown and bloomed perfectly right among the bearded sorts.

85 DREAM (Sturtevant 1918) 36 inches **.75**

S. lilac pink. F. slightly darker. A very lovely lilac pink Pallida with orange beard. The strong demand for it shows that its great popularity is still increasing.

DUKE OF BEDFORD (Bliss 1922) 38 inches **15.00**

S. deep violet. F. deeper velvety blackish violet, with a reddish sheen. Large and tall, well branched, and a vigorous grower. One of the very best of the Dominion race, having more color in the standards than any of the others.

EDITH CAVELL (Denis 1921) 36 inches

A white Ricardi seedling with yellow veins at the haft. On trial for hardiness in this severe climate.

- 86 EDOUARD MICHEL** (Verdier 1904) 38 inches .50
A large ruffled flower of bright red purple, giving a general effect of brilliant wine-red. There is no other exactly like it. Its period of bloom for the last two years was 25 days, the longest in the garden.
- ESPLENDIDO** (Mohr 1924) 40 inches
A large red purple bi-color, tall and well branched. Mesopotamica-Parisiana cross. Under trial.
- FULVALA** (Dykes) 30 inches .50
A beardless Hybrid of Fulva and Foliosa, Species of the Southern U. S. Is the same cross as D. K. Williamson, but is much redder. Has the same charm, and is exactly like that variety in all characteristics except color.
- GAVIOTA** (Mohr 1924)
Creamy white Plicata, both standards and falls edged yellow. Of fine finish and good texture, the coloring of its medium sized flowers is unusual. Hardiness quite unquestioned. Of real charm and distinction. (Description of Introducer.)
- GEORGE J. TRIBOLET** (Williamson 1926) 40 inches
A fine velvety blackish red purple, which attracted a lot of favorable comment at the N. Y. Botanical Garden in 1926 and 1927.
- GEORGE YELD** (Perry 1923) 40 inches 3.50
S. bright apricot shaded rose. F. rose crimson edged buff. Large flowers of a new color combination, many open at once on tall well branched stalks. Very attractive and remarkably floriferous. Perry introduced a number of this type, George Yeld and Lord Lamborn outstanding as the best of them.
- 89 GEORGIA** (Farr 1920) 30 inches .50
The whole flower is a uniform shade of soft Cattleya rose. The rather large flowers have good shape and substance. Widely branched, floriferous, and vigorous. Deservedly one of the most popular pinks.
- GERMAINE PERTHUIS** (Millet 1924) 38 inches
S. a pleasing shade of violet purple. F. deep rich Bishop's violet. Is very velvety, has fine texture, and a glowing sheen on the falls not often seen. A descendant of Mme. Gaudichau, but entirely different and far more beautiful. Bruno is understood to be the other parent. For two years in our garden its growth has been vigorous.

- GOLD IMPERIAL** (Sturtevant 1924) 33 inches 3.50
 Brilliant chrome yellow throughout, enriched by a deep orange beard. It has splendid texture, rare finish and form. The stalks are widely branched, and carry a profusion of bloom. Perfectly hardy and increases rapidly. The best yellow Iris, and among the best of any color. In spite of its rapid increase, its great popularity keeps the demand far ahead of the supply. The Directors of the American Iris Society have just given it the Award of Merit.
- 85 HALO** (Yeld 1917) 40 inches .75
 Soft lavender blue and verbena violet, falls a little darker than standards. Large handsome flowers of Lord of June type, but in some respects superior to that variety.
- HARRIET PRESBY** (Presby 1922) 45 inches 1.50
 S. rose lilac. F. darker rose lilac with orange beard. Tall and vigorous. A pretty and popular one of the pinks, in the same color range as Susan Bliss, Mrs. Marion Cran, and Lady Byng. We like it better than the last two.
- IMPERATOR** (Cayeux 1923) 38 inches 2.00
 S. red violet tinted buff. F. deeper red violet with brown markings at base. The large blooms of good texture on strong stalks add a bright note to the garden. Somewhat similar to Edouard Michel, but the bloom is larger, the plant more vigorous, and it is generally a more satisfactory variety. A valuable addition.
- 77 INGEBORG** (G. & K. 1908) 25 inches .25
 Intermediate. A clear creamy white with better texture than the Intermediates usually have. Is very pretty, blooms 10 days ahead of the tall bearded, and is worthwhile on that account.
- 86 ISOLINE** (Vilmorin 1904) 37 inches .35
 S. silvery lilac flushed yellow. F. purplish old rose. A large and beautiful Iris unlike any other. It created a sensation when first introduced and would again today. It is still one of the most popular of all. Its stock is now plentiful, permitting a low price.
- ISTRIA** (Dykes 1922)
 A white under trial.

- 80 JACQUESIANA** (Lemon 1840) 40 inches .25
S. coppery crimson. F. deep red purple. In a class with Prosper Laugier, but is taller, has a smaller bloom, and is brighter. Is still popular in its 88th year.
- JUBILEE** (Sass 1923) 26 inches 3.00
Buff heavily spotted dark copper. The handsome flower is large, and of good form and texture. Vigorous and free blooming. Mr. Sass opened up a new field of Iris beauty, this being the leader. Exquisitely beautiful.
- 73 JUNONIA** (Species) 45 inches .35
S. soft blue. F. light violet blue purple. The bloom and its carriage are much like Ballerine, the wide falls curling downward and then outward. A little darker than Ballerine. Of good size and texture. Rapid strong grower, free bloomer, and an excellent Iris.
- 90 KASHMIRIANA** (Species) 1.00
White faintly veined yellow on the haft. Stout leathery texture, with falls horizontal. Lemon scented. Native to the Persian Gulf.
- 84 KASHMIR WHITE** (Foster 1913) 46 inches 1.00
A very tall white of heavy substance, Ricardi blood. The flowers are large and handsome, and are borne freely on established plants. It is slow to become established, but has performed very well in our garden under the same treatment as given the others.
- 78 KOCHII** (Wild hybrid) 26 inches .25
Early deep blackish purple self. Good form, texture, and habit. Grows and blooms well and is an old favorite. Native to Italy.
- 85 LADY FOSTER** (Foster 1913) 45 inches 1.00
S. pale blue. F. light bluish violet, veined old gold at the throat. The large flowers have good texture and fine form, and are gracefully carried on tall well branched stalks. Similar in habit to Caterina and Crusader. A very handsome but slow growing Iris.
- LADY LILFORD** (Foster) 30 inches 1.50
Cross of the *Oncocyclus Paradoxa* and *Pogoniris Pallida*. A deep violet purple, with the falls particularly deep. The flowers are large and the stems tall. A beautiful and valuable Iris, which has been quite hardy in our severe climate.

- 83 LA NEIGE** (Verdier 1912) 30 inches **.35**
 A beautiful clear white without veining, the falls horizontal. Unique in shape, has wonderful texture, and is probably the best bearded Iris for cut flowers. It is indispensable to any collection.
- 90 LENT A. WILLIAMSON** (Williamson 1918) 45 inches **.50**
(3 for \$1.25)
 S. campanula violet. F. bright royal purple. The large flowers have exceptional substance, and are carried on stout branched stems. Very free blooming. The strongest grower we have ever seen, and it will thrive and bloom better under neglect and adverse conditions than any other variety in our experience. Was a sensation and is still near the top.
- LEONATO** (Newlands 1922) 48 inches **4.00**
 S. pale lavender to silvery heliotrope. F. slightly darker and widely spread. This is a greatly improved Lady Foster, being larger, taller, and lighter in color. The enormous blooms are shapely, well proportioned, and very handsome. Grows strongly and increases rapidly.
- 91 LEVERRIER** (Denis 1917) 48 inches **1.00**
 S. chinese violet. F. pansy violet. General effect light rose red, very bright. Heavily veined reddish brown on the white throat. A magnificent large spreading bloom on a four foot stalk. Hardy, vigorous, and free blooming. A very beautiful Iris, totally unlike any other, and indispensable to a good collection.
- 91 LORD OF JUNE** (Yeld 1911) 42 inches **1.00**
 S. chicory blue. F. lavender violet, beard yellow. A very handsome flower of the largest size, on tall well branched stalks. Probably the best known of all Irises, and one of the most popular.
- LORD LAMBORN** (Perry 1923) 42 inches **3.00**
 S. a delightful shade of rose fawn suffused with pale bronze. F. rich madder crimson. The tall branched stalks are literally covered with blooms. Vigorous and of perfect habit. In the class of George Yeld, but they differ enough to justify both. They are a new color combination, and by far the best of their class recently introduced by Perry.

- LOUIS BEL** (Denis 1925) 10.00
S. very dark pansy violet. F. a splendid blackish violet purple, extremely velvety. Not only the darkest, but the richest color of any Iris. The flowers are large, the plant of great vigor, good height, fine habit and foliage. This Gaudichau seedling is a startling departure in a new direction, and caused a sensation when it appeared. Should be of value to breeders. We have a large stock and have made a low price.
- LURIDA** (Collected) 15 inches (3 for 50c) .25
Its unique color is difficult of description, but may be called a tawny bronze red. An attractive variety blooming ten days ahead of the tall bearded.
- 74 MADAME CHEREAU** (Lemon 1844) 45 inches .35
S. and F. white with wide frill of lavender violet at borders. Another old favorite that has stood the test of time. It is a very nice Plicata with a style all its own.
- 86 MADAME DURRAND** (Denis 1912) 48 inches 3.50
S. iridescent buff. F. ground of old gold flushed with lilac and amber. Large blooms on tall branching stalks. An unusual soft blend considered by some to be one of the most beautiful of all Irises. Needs special care but well worth it.
- 87 MLLE. SCHWARTZ** (Denis 1916) 48 inches .75
Very large pale mauve self of perfect form and clear color on tall graceful stalks. Exceptionally fine and greatly admired, but a slow grower.
- 91 MAGNIFICA** (Vilmorin 1920) 48 inches 1.00
S. light violet blue. F. crimson violet. General effect deep reddish pink. Very bright and one of the largest and tallest of all Irises. Created a sensation at first, and is still very popular.
- MARY BARNETT** (Cumbler) 42 inches 6.50
A tall large Pallida of crisp clear blue, with a yellow beard to light it up. It is similar to Princess Beatrice except for the beard.

MARY GIBSON (Perry 1923) 45 inches

5.00

S. light bronze overlaid old rose. F. old rose suffused bronze, with a yellow haft. Brilliant orange beard. Totally different from any other variety, and a very beautiful Iris. The blooms are medium large, clean cut, and of good texture. Strong thrifty grower and a very prolific bloomer. It is already popular and we expect it to become a great favorite. This and one or two others make us forgive Perry for sending out some pretty poor ones.

85 MEDRANO (Vilmorin 1920) 30 inches

.50

S. reddish copper tinged violet. F. dark crimson purple almost black in parts, flecked with buff and lavender. General effect is deep smoky wine red. Blooms of good size and shape. Has a delicious wild grape scent. Grows and blooms well.

MICHELINE CHARRAIRE (Denis 1924) 45 inches

Ricardi strain. S. large pure white, well arched and of excellent texture. F. pure white, flaring, and marked bronze yellow at base. Beard yellow. A very large handsome clean cut white of excellent texture, on tall strong stalks. At present the most popular of the Ricardi whites, and seems to be free from the weak growing characteristics of many of them.

MILDRED PRESBY (Farr 1923) 30 inches

2.50

S. white with a thread line of violet at the extreme edge. F. dark velvety pansy violet with a very narrow edge of lavender white. Good texture. This beautiful Iris is the finest Amoena to date, and is admired by everyone. Vigorous and prolific. Recently received the Award of Merit of the American Iris Society.

MRS. PERRY (Perry 1924) 40 inches

A very large Ricardi white of good habit. Wide segments of good texture. Faint flakes of lavender appear irregularly on the falls. On trial.

MRS. ROBERT EMMETT (Perry 1925) 30 inches

A Ricardi white with very large substantial blooms having wide segments. Bright yellow beard. Is the purest white of the Ricardis except Charraire, from which it is very different in other respects. Robust, with low well branched stalks. Very promising.

MOA (Bliss 1920) 40 inches

S. pure violet, broad and arched. F. deep violet purple, velvety, very wide and almost circular. A wonderfully rich bloom of fine shape and texture. Grows and blooms well. Nicely branched. The tallest of the Dominions with the largest blooms, and certainly one of the best.

85 MOLIERE (Vilmorin 1920) 36 inches .50

S. violet blue. F. deep velvety violet, veined brown. Blooms of fair size nicely scented. Reminds one of Magnifica on a smaller scale and a little darker.

84 MONSIGNOR (Vilmorin 1907) 30 inches .35

S. pale violet. F. mauve overlaid velvety purple, deepening to the center. Gives a nice blue note to the garden.

MOONLIGHT (Dykes 1923) 36 inches

S. amber white, broad and well arched. F. smoky sulphur yellow, with green gold reticulations on the haft. Yellow beard. Another very large and handsome Ricardi white under test. It is greatly admired, and we hope it will prove to be a hardy grower.

MORNING SPLENDOR (Shull 1922) 40 inches 3.00

S. petunia violet. F. very velvety raisin purple. Huge blooms of lasting texture gracefully carried on strong spreading stalks. Has about all the good qualities of the Dominions, and in addition, more and better color in the standards. Strong, vigorous, and prolific. A truly gorgeous variety, generally acknowledged to be one of the best of all. The American Iris Society and the Garden Club of America have both honored it with Medals.

MOTHER OF PEARL (Sturtevant 1921) 45 inches .50

A self color of great charm, with all the soft iridescent tints of mother of pearl. In the same general color range as Mlle. Schwartz, but superior to that fine variety, and there is room for both. Grows and blooms well. See the color plate.

80 NINE WELLS (Foster 1909) 48 inches (3 for 75c) .35

S. lavender violet. F. deep purple with white ground at haft, velvety. A large spreading bloom on a tall strong stalk. Vigorous.

- 79 OCHRACEA** (Denis 1919) 40 inches 1.25
 S. old gold, nicely arched and of firm texture. F. old gold with a central suffusion of lavender violet. Medium sized blooms of pastel shades on well branched stalks. Indispensable on account of its appealing beauty, as well as its difference from any other.
- 87 OPERA** (Vilmorin 1916) 32 inches .50
 S. violet rose. F. rich velvety violet purple. A very beautiful bright violet purple of medium size and height. Is very popular, and is not duplicated by any other. Thrifty and free blooming. See the color plate.
- PEAU ROUGE** (Cayeux 1923) 32 inches 2.50
 S. coppery red. F. violet carmine. Bronze yellow beard. The nearest approach to a true red yet attained. Has excellent form and finish, good texture, and grows and blooms well. A distinct addition.
- PEERLESS** (Dykes 1924) 42 inches
 S. light reddish violet, large and well arched. F. deep purple red with bronze reticulations, straight hanging. A magnificent flower of large size and brilliant coloring, giving the effect of a rich glowing mahogany red. A bright gold beard lights up the whole bloom. Strong well branched stalks, grows and blooms well. It is still a sensation after three years, and our observation so far tends to a belief that it merits the distinction.
- PIONEER** (Bliss 1924) 42 inches
 S. bright red purple. F. deep glowing red purple. Bright yellow beard. Well branched and vigorous. Mr. Bliss calls this the forerunner of a new race, but we wish to observe it further before advocating it very strongly.
- 95 PRINCESS BEATRICE** (1597) 45 inches 2.00
 S. silvery lavender, domed and of good texture. F. a little darker, very broad and flaring. Large silvery lavender blooms of ideal shape and fine substance on tall strong stalks. The highest rated and probably the handsomest of all Irises. The wide up-standing blue green foliage is quite ornamental throughout the summer.

NOTE.—In 1922 we brought to Ithaca two roots of “*Pallida Dalmatica*” obtained by us from a general nurseryman in 1912. In the hope of settling for ourselves the Princess Beatrice-*Pallida Dalmatica* question, we obtained

roots under both names from each of several discriminating growers, and planted comparison rows. Our findings may not be conclusive, but one of the strains has consistently been superior to all the others. Our old one has every year produced stalks averaging three to five inches taller than any of the others, and the blooms have been a little larger. Its most conspicuous difference and valuable characteristic is its abundance of bloom, being one of the most free-flowering Irises in the entire field. The others, true to accepted form, have not been prolific bloomers. This is given as of possible interest to others investigating the question, and not to encourage sales. It runs to bloom instead of increase, and we prefer to propagate our small stock rather than dispose of it. We are calling it Princess Beatrice, and bunching all the others as *Pallida Dalmatica*.

88 PALLIDA DALMATICA (1597) .35

See note under Princess Beatrice. For general purposes, there is no great difference involved. All or both, as the case may be, are magnificent, and no planting should be started without one of them.

83 PROSPER LAUGIER (Verdier 1914) 36 inches .35

S. light bronze flushed pink. F. velvety brown purple. A beautiful brown toned flower, and one of the best in this class. Strong and free.

PROSPERO (Yeld 1920) 48 inches .75

S. lavender suffused yellow in lower half. F. deep red purple. The large well formed blooms are carried on very tall stalks, low and widely branched. Strong grower. A stately and handsome. Iris somewhat resembling Asia. Very popular. See the color plate.

PURISSIMA (Mohr-Mitchell 1927) 48 inches

S. and F. pure white. Large bloom of good form and heavy substance. Of Mesopotamica parentage. We have not seen it but expect bloom in our garden in June.

84 QUAKER LADY (Farr 1909) 38 inches .35

S. smoky lavender shaded buff. F. ageratum blue washed old gold. Well shaped bloom of soft, subdued coloring. Makes a beautiful soft effect in mass. Blooms profusely and is one of the best blends. Holds its popularity.

- 91 QUEEN CATERINA** (Sturtevant 1918) 42 inches .75
 A large pale lavender self, of very even color. It has a sparkling iridescent sheen, and is one of our most beautiful and popular Irises. Splendid texture and shape, vigorous and free. No other just like it.
- REGAN** (Hort 1920) 40 inches 1.00
 A fine and distinct purple bi-color, very dark. Huge spreading blooms, with exceptionally long wide falls. Strong growing and blooms freely. Well branched. Greatly admired by many.
- REICHENBACHII**—Yellow (Collected dwarf) 6 inches .25
 Yellow sometimes flaked with lavender blue. A thrifty little Iris with two blooms per stalk, coming two weeks ahead of the tall bearded.
- REICHENBACHII**—Orange (Collected dwarf) 8 inches .35
 A deep yellow self, very clear color. One bloom per stalk. Blooms freely, and is an excellent yellow dwarf. Two weeks ahead of T. B.
- RENE CAYEUX** (Cayeux 1924) 42 inches 6.50
 S. White, faintly shaded lilac. F. crimson reddish violet, reticulated white at the throat. Large flowers with wide smooth falls. Velvety and of good texture. Tall strong stalks. A distinct departure in the Amoena class.
- RHEINTRAUBE** (G. & K. 1917) 36 inches .75
 S. clear light blue. F. dark purple. Smooth bloom of medium size, with falls that stand out nearly horizontally. Vigorous and a free bloomer.
- RIALGAR** (Sturtevant 1924) 28 inches 2.50
 S. clear deep yellow. F. rather light chestnut brown. The shapely flower is large for a variegata, and it has the best standards as to clearness of color and firmness of texture of any we know. Its mass effect is a beautiful Orange not attainable with any of the selfs.
- ROBERT W. WALLACE** (Perry 1923) 42 inches 4.00
 S. rich violet. F. very rich deep purple black. It is the finest large tall very dark Iris now in commerce. Excel-

lent shape and texture, strong and free blooming. It and Mary Gibson are masterpieces, are Perry's best introductions, and will be even more popular as soon as more widely known.

RUBYD (Ruby, Dykes 1922) 33 inches 1.00

A very deep reddish violet purple, falls a little the deeper. Beard brilliant Aniline blue tipped Ochre. Medium sized bloom. Vigorous and free flowering. The color is attractive and quite different from that of any other Iris.

SALONIQUE (Cayeux 1923) 28 inches 1.00

S. creamy white. F. violet purple. Grows and blooms well. A nice Amoena but not as good as Mildred Presby.

83 SEMINOLE (Farr 1920) 30 inches .50

A rich dark violet rose, the falls a little deeper than the standards. In the same color range as Opera, but is taller and a closer approach towards red. Bright orange beard. Makes a splendid mass, and its high quality has been recognized in England for some time.

SHASTA (Mohr-Mitchell 1927) 40 inches

Described as snow white with a few amber reticulations on the haft, and having blooms of fine form and excellent substance. Well but high branched.

87 SHEKINAH (Sturtevant 1918) 36 inches .50

Pale lemon yellow deepening at the center. The first yellow of Pallida form and habit of growth. A beautiful and popular variety. Its production was a great event in modern Iris breeding, opening up a whole new field. It is the progenitor of most of the fine new yellows appearing in England and America.

SIMONE VAISSIERE (Millet 1921) 2.00

S. white strongly shaded azure. F. brilliant aniline blue. Very large flowers with horizontal falls. Tall rigid stalks. Considered a very beautiful variety.

SNOW WHITE (Sturtevant 1926) 36 inches 12.00

Stock from Introducer who says: "As pure a white as White Knight, but the markings are a pale green which gives it a fragile appearance. Good form, size, and substance; 3 feet."

93 SOUV. de MME. GAUDICHAU (Millet 1914) 42 inches **1.00**

S. Bradleys violet. F. brilliant velvety blackish purple. A large rich black violet bicolor. Well branched, strong, and free blooming. Habit and style excellent. One of the finest and most sought after Irises yet produced, only three others holding a higher rating.

SOUVENIR de LOETITIA MICHAUD (Millet 1923) 48 in. **5.00**

S. lobelia blue shading to pale blue at edge. F. same color with olive bronze markings on the haft. Orange beard. A very large and beautiful Iris already in great demand.

STEEPWAY (Scott 1922) 42 inches **1.00**

S. fawn suffused pale red violet. F. darker rose mauve with reflections of Peacock blue and Apricot. Another indescribable blend. The bright glossy blooms are of good form and size. Thrives and blooms well. This beautiful Iris is at last receiving the recognition it merits.

SUSAN BLISS (Bliss 1922) 40 inches **2.00**

A uniform shade of deep rose pink with light orange beard. Nice shape and texture. Grows and blooms well. The pleasing color carries well, and we like it better than others in its color class, Mrs. Marion Cran, Lady Byng, etc.

SUSIANA (Oncocyclus, collected 1573) 15 inches **2.00**

The "Mourning Widow." S. and F. ground color greyish blue with purplish black veins and spots, the falls a little deeper than the standards. The bearded signal on the falls is black. It looks to be almost black flecked with grey. The blooms are huge with very broad segments, and a characteristic globular shape. Not only odd but beautiful as well. It is the easiest of the *Oncocyclus* to grow. Can readily be grown and bloomed in this severe climate if we duplicate the summer desert conditions of its original home, Asia Minor. Covering with glass for the summer period is one way, but we find the following simpler. When it begins to die down after blooming, or about July 25 here, dig, wash, sun for a day or two, and leave in a box of perfectly dry sand till late October. Then plant two inches deep, and cover with straw to prevent heaving only, as it is not hurt by extreme cold.

83 TAJ MAHAL (Sturtevant 1920) 36 inches

A very good white on branched stems a little taller than most hardy whites. Has purplish reticulations on the haft. Blooms well and has good substance.

74 TAMAR (Bliss 1920) 48 inches .50

S. lilac. F. rose lilac. An attractive color and bloom. The low widely branched stalks are very strong and tall, but the blooms are relatively small.

THESEUS (Newlands 1923) 33 inches

A medium sized white with golden reticulations. Under trial.

81 TROJANA (Species, Kerner) 38 inches .50

S. lavender, F. red purple. Has given its hardiness, fine branched stalk, and large bloom size to many of the best varieties. A few years ago we procured from discriminating growers several roots each of the Species Trojana, Junonia, Cypriana, Ricardi, and others, with a view to removing any existing confusion among them. We found the confusion and so far as we are concerned it still exists as to Cypriana, Ricardi, and Mesopotamica. The Trojana and Junonia offered are positively true. We are no longer excited about this matter but will continue to observe the plants already in the garden.

80 TOM TIT (Bliss 1919) 18 inches .35

Small very dark mulberry purple, of good texture, and has horizontal falls. Early and bright. Nothing else just like it, early or late.

WEDGEWOOD (Dykes 1923) 40 inches

Standards and falls same color, and closer to a true blue self than any other Iris yet produced. Conspicuous white beard gives the appropriate name. Large blooms of fine form and texture. Grows and blooms well. A great acquisition.

WHITE AND GOLD (Nicholls 1928) 37 inches 25.00
NET—NO DISCOUNTS APPLY

Our first introduction. Pure gleaming satiny white not marred by any venation whatever. Standards broad and domed. Falls flare widely and of good breadth. The brilliant gold beard makes it a very chaste flower. Form, finish, and texture unsurpassed. Low and widely branched, with 12 to 14 blooms per stalk. Perfectly hardy, increases rapidly, and blooms very freely. The spreading bloom is of large size for a hardy white, the largest we know in that class. It is also taller than any of the other hardy whites we know.

83 WHITE KNIGHT (Saunders 1916) 27 inches .35

Pure white with purple reticulations at the haft. Good form and texture. Well branched. Thrifty and free blooming. An excellent Iris of good size, and still a popular favorite.

WHITE QUEEN (Geylenkek) 30 inches 1.00

Snow white with beard and throat greenish white. Good texture. Falls nearly horizontal. Grows and blooms well. Fine Iris of a very pure color. Would be wonderful if a little larger, taller, and the blooms were carried on the stems less stiffly.

WHITE STAR (Nicholls 1928) 37 inches 10.00

NET—NO DISCOUNTS APPLY

Our other introduction for the year. Pure white without venation. Beard yellow. Falls nearly horizontal. High branched, massing the bloom at the top. Excellent texture, hardy and free blooming. Compared with White and Gold, the shape is different, the beard not so bright, and the stalk is on the Pallida order, short branched.

YELLOW MOON (Sturtevant 1923) 36 inches

A Pallida of a very uniform soft yellow, with satiny texture and good size. Can better evaluate this after further observation in June.

ZUA (Crawford 1914) 15 inches .50

S. & F. white slightly tinged lilac. Crepe texture with edges serrated. Large blooms coming with the intermediates. Unlike any other, and very pretty.

85 ZWANNENBERG (Denis 1909) 18 inches .35

Standards and falls amber shading into olive green with a hint of lavender, flaked and striated with deep purple maroon. Flowers large. It is early, hardy, and blooms freely over a long period. It is a hybrid of the bearded Iris, *Lutescens Aurea*, and the *Oncocyclus*, *Susiana*. Quite different from any other. We consider it beautiful and appealing, and worthy of a place in every collection.

Collections

The following Collections of good varieties are not the result of chance but of accumulations for that purpose. The prices are very low for the sorts included. By them we hope to encourage growing the best at the different prices, and to extend our acquaintance now that growing plants is our sole business.

No price has been padded to exaggerate the reductions from retail prices, nor have any poor ones been included to be sold by the good ones. These Collections contain nearly all of the best and most popular Irises in existence.

Early order Discounts apply to Collections but the QUANTITY DISCOUNTS DO NOT.

COLLECTION "A" \$5.00

Ambassadeur	\$1.00
Chalice	1.00
La Neige .....	.35
Souv. de Mme. Gaudichau	1.00
Lent A. Williamson .....	.50
Leverrier	1.00
Magnifica	1.00
Medrano .....	.50
Mother of Pearl .....	.50
Total	\$6.85

Price \$5.00

COLLECTION "B" \$4.50

Ballerine	\$1.00
Georgia .....	.50
Lord of June	1.00
Ochracea (Sunset)	1.25
Opera .....	.50
Prospero .....	.75
Queen Caterina .....	.75
White Knight .....	.35
Zwannenbergl .....	.35
Total	\$6.45

Price \$4.50

A root of Harriet Presby will be included with each of the first hundred orders for both Collections "A" and "B".

COLLECTION "C" \$2.50

Afterglow	\$0.50
Alcazar .....	.25
Blue Boy .....	.25
Caterina .....	.50
Crimson King .....	.25
Isoline .....	.35
Junonia .....	.35
Nine Wells .....	.35
Seminole .....	.50
Shekinah .....	.50
Total	\$3.80

Price \$2.50

COLLECTION "D" \$4.50

Canopus	\$1.75
Edouard Michel .....	.50
Halo .....	.75
Mlle. Schwartz .....	.75
Moliere .....	.50
Regan	1.00
Rubyd (Ruby-Dykes)	1.00
Total	\$6.25

Price \$4.50

COLLECTION "E" \$12.50

Leonato	\$4.00
Lord Lamborn	3.00
Morning Splendor	3.00
Rialgar	2.50
Simone Vaissiere	2.00
Susan Bliss	2.00
Total	\$16.50

Price \$12.50

COLLECTION "F" \$30.00

Aphrodite	\$6.00
Dominion	7.00
George Yeld	3.50
Gold Imperial	3.50
Louis Bel	10.00
Robert W. Wallace	4.00
Mary Gibson	5.00
Total	\$39.00

Price \$30.00

Remarks

VARIETIES OFFERED. The list contains a few excellent old varieties, the very best of the newer ones already approved by everyone, and a number of novelties carefully chosen after seeing them in growth and bloom. We speak highly of most of those listed but so does everyone else; they are that sort.

Any faults of the list are faults of omission, and these do our patrons no harm. The only thing fixed about our collection is the policy to keep it free from any varieties not of high merit. We will drop a few occasionally, and are constantly adding many others as they prove themselves.

INTRODUCTIONS. Two whites, our first, are here offered. Each year we are making a larger number of planned and recorded crosses, and fully expect to continue. Raising seedlings is slow, and it involves a tremendous amount of tedious and painstaking work both in the field and on the records. No amount of success can possibly bring commensurate financial return, but the attraction is hard to resist. We will see many new ones in June. We have no desire for the ruinous reputation of carelessness in selecting seedlings for introduction.

TRIAL GARDENS. Advantageous location spares us from having to try out many varieties in our own garden. We thus avoid the accumulation of stocks of less desirable varieties to be passed on to our patrons. Every June we spend days in the following gardens, studying and making notes on the different varieties.

Cornell Check Garden. Formerly 800 older with a few modern varieties. In 1927 a number of us contributed 385 of the newest and best varieties. Will now be very valuable to the Iris student.

New York Botanical Garden. Large plantings of old and new. The great feature there, however, is the Competition Planting to which the better American breeders send their new ones for Official Judging by the Iris Society. Even varieties not yet introduced may be seen there. Progress of the breeders can be observed and much can be learned by contact with the leaders of the Iris Society and other experts encountered there.

Mr. Wayman's garden on Long Island contains one of the most comprehensive collections in the country, all marvelously well grown. There one may see in growth and bloom the newest and best from every source.

In visiting these gardens our greatest hope is to improve our judgment of Iris values, and to furnish us better standards for guidance in selecting seedlings for introduction.

FAVORITE VARIETIES. Last October the Iris Society sent to its members a questionnaire, of which question 8 was: What are your dozen or 25 favorites, (a) among old varieties, (b) among modern varieties, (c) among novelties? This elicited the largest report of the kind that the Society has ever received, and the results are published in detail in *Iris Bulletin* Number 26, January, 1928. The varieties mentioned under each were arranged in tables in the order of the number of votes received, and reference is made below to those tables.

(a) Old—before 1900. 65 mentioned. The 7 of our list fall in the first 11.

(b) Modern Varieties—1900 to 1920. 188 varieties mentioned. The first 45 from the head of the table follow:

Ambassadeur	Opera	Prospero
Souv. Mme. Gaudichau	Magnifica	Anna Farr
Asia	Fairy	Medrano
Isoline	Crusader	Sweet Lavender
Ballerine	Mme. Durrand	Ann Page
L. A. Williamson	Mlle. Schwartz	Juniata
Queen Caterina	B. Y. Morrison	Prosper Laugier
Alcazar	Archevecque	Dominion
Shekinah	Iris King	White Knight
Mother of Pearl	Afterglow	La Neige
Quaker Lady	Lohengrin	Eldorado
Seminole	Ochracea	Kashmir White
Dream	Edouard Michel	Ma Mie
Lord of June	Leverrier	Monsignor
Rhein Nixe	Lady Foster	Sherwin Wright

In some respects this table is a better guide for the purchaser than is the percentage rating. Note how highly Isoline is still esteemed.

(c) Novelties 1921 or later. 215 varieties mentioned. Nearly all on our list are at or near the top. Question 9 below is much more informative on the novelties.

Question 9 was: What in your opinion are the outstanding new things of the past 5 years or so? A total of 172 varieties were voted for. Those near the top of the list received much the greater number of votes showing what general favorites they are. The first 42 of the tabulation follow:

Morning Splendor	Geo. J. Tribolet	Jubilee
S. de L. Michaud	Swazi	Leonato
William Mohr	Tenebrae	Mother of Pearl
Aphrodite	Freda Mohr	Peerless
Ger. Perthuis	Grace Sturtevant	San Gabriel
Cardinal	Majestic	R. W. Wallace
Mary Gibson	Mme. C. Bouscant	Sir Michael
Pioneer	Moa	Susan Bliss
Bruno	Purissima	Aliquippa
Mich. Charraire	Amber	Candlelight
Santa Barbara	Argynnis	Conquistador
Asia	Arlington	George Yeld
Moonlight	Autumn King	Louis Bel
Mildred Presby	Gold Imperial	Mary Barnett

It should be noted that Asia and Mother of Pearl were introduced in 1916 and 1917 respectively and do not belong in this list. Most of the voters know this and did not include these in their vote under this heading. Table (b) has them where they belong. This list, being the top 42 of 172 varieties named, is a perfectly good index of their very high quality. However, greater distribution will probably change their relative positions in a number of cases. For instance, R. W. Wallace, Peerless, and Sir Michael may rise on the list as soon as more generally known.

It is very gratifying to have our choices of varieties so uniformly confirmed by these votes.

IRIS CLASSIFICATION. Two years ago Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Wright made plantings of Dwarf Irises in order to classify them and to clear up the existing confusion as to identities, etc. They procured every obtainable variety in this country and abroad. They are scientists, well qualified for the task, and Iris growers are fortunate to have them take up this needed work. Their garden is nearby and we are observing the collection before adding Dwarfs to our list.

ITHACA. With the Cornell planting brought up to date, and Dr. Wright's garden of the Dwarfs, Ithaca is well worth a visit. We are hoping to have the Annual Meeting of the American Iris Society at Cornell University in June, 1929. We are glad to have visitors at our garden at any time.

Under the auspices of The American Iris Society, Mr. Donald Ries of Cornell University has been working on Iris Pests since April, 1927. He is well qualified for that investigation, and has energetically pushed the work as rapidly as the nature of the case permits. We will all eventually profit by the control measures he determines.





